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Re: Freedom of Information Act Tracking Number **19-03818-F**

Dear Ms. Best,

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) dated January 30, 2019, in which you are seeking:

- Copies of emails, memos, letters, reports, statistics and other records mentioning or describing the 2018-19 United States federal government shutdown (2018 December 22 – 2019 January 25) on the processing FOIA requests or handling of FOIA-related litigation, as well as on other public transparency, disclosure or declassification programs.

The FOIA Service received your request January 30, 2019, and assigned it tracking number **19-03818-F**. Please refer to this number when requesting information about your request.

In response to your request, the VA was fully operational and not affected by the shutdown. Therefore, we are providing you a no records response to your request.

This concludes the FOIA Service's response to your request.

We appreciate your interest in the VA. Customer service is very important to us. If you have questions about this letter, please contact Jacqueline Short of my staff at 202-632-7426.

Sincerely,

Ms. Doloras Johnson  
Director, VACO FOIA Service  
Quality, Performance, and Risk (QPR)  
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